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April Fourth

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The regular April Meeting of City Council was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: Ruby B. Archie, E. Stokes Daniels, Jr., Mayor John C. Hamlin, T. David Luther, T. Wayne Oakes, Sherman M. Saunders, H. Phillip Smith, and Vice-Mayor R. Wayne Williams, Jr. (8). P. A. "Pete" Castiglione, Jr. was absent (1).

Staff Members present were: City Manager Jerry L. Gwaltney, Deputy City Manager M. Lyle Lacy, III, Assistant City Manager for Utilities Joseph C. King, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., and City Clerk Annette Y. Crane, CMC.

Department/Division Directors present were Multi-Media Design Manager Mark Aron, Chief of Police Philip Broadfoot, Economic Development Director Ron Bunch, Finance Director Barbara Dameron, Fire Marshall David Eagle, Human Services Director Gwendolyn Edwards, Planning Director Kenny Gillie, and Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer Kent Shelton.

Mayor Hamlin presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Luther introduced Rev. Bruce Wilson, Pastor of West Main Baptist Church, who offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Hamlin read a proclamation naming the week of April 2-8, 2006 Boys and Girls Club Week. In attendance were Executive Director Todd Lee and several Boys and Girls Club Members. Mr. Lee reported the clubs have very active memberships and that since its inception, four clubs are now located in Danville, one club in Chatham and one teen center.

Mayor Hamlin presented the proclamation to Mr. Lee and a club member and expressed appreciation to Mr. Lee for the excellent programs offered by the club for the city's young people.

Danville-Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce Laurie Moran and Elder Lawrence Campbell, Jr., Associate Pastor at Bibleway Cathedral appeared to urge everyone to take part in the Employment Summit that takes place on Friday, April 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ms. Moran advised Governor Kaine would be present, along with Mayor Hamlin and Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors Chairman Kate Berger. She reported that as of 6:30 p.m., over 790 citizens had pre-registered for the summit and thirty-seven

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organizations were partnering to take part in the event. Forty-one agencies will be set up in the Community Resource Fair and will include a job fair. One criterion for taking part in the job fair is the organization must be hiring. Twenty-seven employers will be taking part as well. Ms. Moran stated it was a community-wide summit and encouraged everyone to attend.

Elder Campbell stated he felt it was a golden age and time for the City. The theme for the summit is "Rebirth of the City and Moving Forward." He said that although the City had the highest unemployment rate in the State, the City could make a difference. Elder Campbell advised a lot of work had been done to make the summit a reality and the event was an opportunity to build bridges between industries and churches.

Mayor Hamlin thanked Ms. Moran and Elder Campbell for the hard work that went into the preparation of the summit.

MINUTES

Upon Motion by Council Member Luther and second by Vice-Mayor Williams Minutes of the March 21, 2006 Regular Meeting and the Work Session of March 21, 2006 were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting. The Minutes were approved by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

HEARING - AMENDMENTS TO UTILITY RATE SCHEDULES

Mayor Hamlin opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider amendments to the City's Utility Rate Schedules. Notice of the Public Hearing had been duly published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 21 and 28, 2006. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Upon Motion by Vice-Mayor Williams and second by Council Member Daniels, Ordinance No. 2006-03.04 presented by its First Reading on March 21, 2006 amending the City's Utility Rate Schedules to provide a new Commercial Transportation Gas Service in the Gas Fund and an Economic Development Rider in the Electric Fund was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

HEARING - BUDGET ADOPTIONS FY 2005-2006

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Mayor Hamlin announced the following budget amendments had been previously discussed by Council, introduced for First Reading would be further considered in the Public Hearing. After the Public Hearing has been closed, there will be no separate discussion of the items and they would be enacted by one Motion. If a Council Member or citizen desires to discuss an item, the item(s) would be removed from the Consent Process and considered separately.

Mayor Hamlin opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider amendments to the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget Appropriation Ordinance. Notice of the Public Hearing had been duly published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 28, 2006. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Archie moved adoption of the following Ordinances that were introduced for First Reading on March 21, 2006:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-03.05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A VIRGINIA LEAD SAFE HOMES GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,000.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-03.06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,000 FROM THE OFFICE OF DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS AND THE UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,000 TO PURCHASE A FIRE SAFETY HOUSE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-03.07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY ANTICIPATING FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,108 FOR FUNDING FOR THE AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER CARE (AFDC-FC) PROGRAM.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Oakes and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

SPECIAL USE PERMIT-CLUSTER SUBDIVISION-480 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE

Mayor Hamlin recognized City Manager Gwaltney. Mr. Gwaltney recalled Council had come to an agreement on this specific Ordinance as it related to the road and other issues, but that

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staff was also instructed to work specifically with the buffers. He stated that as late as today communication had been received from both sides of the buffer issue opposing the use of Leeland Cyprus trees. Normally this type of buffering was used because the Cyprus trees grow quickly. Mr. Gwaltney called attention to Page 6 of the Ordinance relating to buffer areas and advised that section had been modified to allow buffer areas to remain in their current undisturbed natural vegetative state.

In response to Council Member Oakes, City Attorney Whitfield advised that all conditions as written in the Ordinance were legally binding.

In response to Council Member Luther, City Manager Gwaltney advised it would be up to the developers to follow guidelines in the Ordinance relating to the undisturbed natural vegetative state of the buffer.

Council Member Daniels moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04.01

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMITS TO ALLOW FOR AN ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL CLUSTER SUBDIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.C, SECTION C, ITEMS 2, 5, 15 AND 22, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, AT 480 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Saunders and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

Vice-Mayor Williams stated it is expected that homes constructed in the area would be done so in such a way as not to decrease the property values in that neighborhood.

HEARING - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - DAY CARE CENTER - 734 MAIN STREET

Mayor Hamlin opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider a request for a Special Use Permit to operate an Adult Day Care Center at 734 Main Street. Notice of the Public Hearing had been duly published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 23 and 28, 2006. Applicant Ralph Price was present to answer questions from Council Members and citizens. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Smith moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04.02

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AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR AN ADULT DAY CARE CENTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.7 (C) (4) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, AT 734 MAIN STREET.

Vice-Mayor Williams seconded the Motion.

Council Member Luther said citizens who had responded to the request spoke in opposition to the day care center being located on Main Street. The main concern expressed was preserving the professional integrity of the area. One respondent stated she failed to see how the location of a day care center would benefit that block of Main Street.

The Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 7-1
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Oakes, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (7)
NAY: Luther (1)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

HEARING - REZONE 0.297 ACRE - 421 WESTOVER PLACE

Mayor Hamlin opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider a request to rezone property located at 421 Westover Place. Notice of the Public Hearing had been duly published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 23 and 28, 2006. Applicant Winn Bishop with The Daniel Group was present to answer questions from Council Members and citizens. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Archie moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04.03

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM HR-C HIGHWAY RETAIL COMMERCIAL TO PS-C PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, APPROXIMATELY .297 ACRE KNOWN AS 421 WESTOVER PLACE.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Luther and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

HEARING - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - 17.266 ACRES - PIEDMONT DRIVE

Mayor Hamlin opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider a request for a Special Use Permit to allow for a structure of greater than 60,000 gross square feet or shopping center on property located on Piedmont Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing

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had been duly published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 23 and 28, 2006. Applicant Winn Bishop with The Daniel Group was present to answer questions from Council Members and citizens. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Vice-Mayor Williams moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04.04

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A STRUCTURE OF GREATER THAN 60,000 GROSS SQUARE FEET OR SHOPPING CENTER IN EXCESS OF 200,000 GROSS SQUARE FEET IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.N (C) (1) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, ON APPROXIMATELY 17.266 ACRES ON PIEDMONT DRIVE AND GODFREY STREET BETWEEN RIVERVIEW AVENUE AND PIEDMONT DRIVE.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Saunders and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

HEARING-AMEND YEAR 2020 LAND USE MAP - REZONE 0.902 ACRES

Mayor Hamlin opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider a request to rezone approximately 0.902 acres of property located at 157 Jerry Drive for the purpose of consolidating parcels with adjacent land. Notice of the Public Hearing had been duly published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 23 and 28, 2006. Applicant Winn Bishop with The Daniel Group was present to answer questions from Council Members and citizens. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Archie moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04.05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE YEAR 2020 LAND USE MAP FROM URBAN SINGLE FAMILY AND PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC AREA TO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND REZONING FROM OT-R OLD TOWN RESIDENTIAL TO PS-C PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER COMMERCIAL DISTRICT APPROXIMATELY 0.902 ACRE AT 157 JERRY DRIVE.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Luther and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)

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ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

HEARING-AMEND YEAR 2020 LAND USE MAP-1.125 ACRES-WESTOVER DRIVE

Mayor Hamlin opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider a request amend the Year 2020 Land Use Map and rezone property located on Westover Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing had been duly published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 23 and 28, 2006. Applicant Winn Bishop with The Daniel Group was present to answer questions from Council Members and citizens. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Archie moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04.06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE YEAR 2020 LAND USE MAP FROM URBAN SINGLE FAMILY AND PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC AREA TO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND REZONING FROM OT-R OLD TOWN RESIDENTIAL TO PS-C PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER COMMERCIAL DISTRICT APPROXIMATELY 1.125 ACRES ON WESTOVER DRIVE.

The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Williams and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

HEARING-AMEND YEAR 2020 LAND USE PLAN-39 ACRES-RIVER OAK DRIVE

Mayor Hamlin opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider a request to rezone approximately 39 acres of approximately 56 acres of property located Off River Oak Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing had been duly published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 23 and 28, 2006. Tim Reynolds, representing applicant River Landing, LLP, was present to answer questions from Council Members and citizens. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Daniels moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04.07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE YEAR 2020 LAND USE MAP FROM SUBURBAN SINGLE FAMILY TO ATTACHED AND MIXED RESIDENTIAL AND TO REZONE FROM T-R THRESHOLD RESIDENTIAL TO "CONDITIONAL" A-R ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, APPROXIMATELY 39 ACRES OF APPROXIMATELY 56 TOTAL ACRES LOCATED OFF RIVER OAK DRIVE.

Council Member Oakes seconded the Motion.

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Council Member Luther felt the blinking light at River Oak Church of God was dangerous for cars pulling out of the church parking lot. City Manager Gwaltney replied that he had instructed the appropriate staff members to initiate a traffic study.

The Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 7-1
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Oakes, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (7)
NAY: Luther (1)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

HEARING - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - 1.3 ACRES - FRANKLIN TURNPIKE

Mayor Hamlin opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider a request for a Special Use Permit on approximately 1.3 acres of property located on Franklin Turnpike. Notice of the Public Hearing had been duly published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 23 and 28, 2006. Applicant Alex Perkins was present to answer questions from Council Members and citizens. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Archie moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04.08

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A CONVENIENCE STORE WITH GASOLINE SALES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.J (C) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, ON APPROXIMATELY 1.3 ACRES ON FRANKLIN TURNPIKE AT THE NORTHERN CITY CORPORATE LIMITS.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Daniels and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

HEARING - AMEND YEAR 2020 LAND USE PLAN - BERMAN DRIVE

Mayor Hamlin opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider a request to rezone approximately 7.07 acres of property located off Berman Drive and Franklin Turnpike. Notice of the Public Hearing had been duly published in the Danville Register and Bee on March 23 and 28, 2006. Applicant Alex Perkins was present to answer questions from Council Members and citizens.

Mr. Perkins advised he and his wife were owners of property located off Berman Drive and Franklin Turnpike at the northern end of the City and were requesting the property be rezoned for the construction of an apartment complex. He felt Danville was in

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need of more of this type of affordable housing. He stated an irregular line that makes up the corporate limit line between the City and Pittsylvania County divided the property.

Following discussion, Council Member Luther expressed concerns about who would answer emergency calls and offer services for the proposed apartments since part of the complex would be located in the City and part in Pittsylvania County.

Council Member Smith asked if the preliminary site plan could be reconfigured to place the apartments entirely within the corporate limits of the City. Mr. Perkins responded that was a possibility.

In response to Council Member Saunders, Mr. Perkins stated he would appear before the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors following Council's decision on the matter.

City Manager Gwaltney suggested the matter be tabled in order for further discussion to be held.

Berman Drive resident Arthur McKenzie presented a petition containing eighteen (18) signatures of residents of the Berman Drive area who were opposed to rezoning the property for construction of the apartments. Mr. McKenzie cited crime, loud noise, and increased traffic concerns as reasons for the opposition.

No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Oakes moved to **TABLE** Council action on the matter for thirty (30) days so further discussion with City Staff and Mr. Perkins could be conducted.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Saunders and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

CODE AMENDMENT-CHAPTER 40-SECTIONS 40-4-5-URBAN ARCHERY SEASON

Council Member Luther moved adoption of an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04.09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 40-4 AND 40-5 OF CHAPTER 40 ENTITLED "WEAPONS," OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE TO ALLOW FOR AN URBAN ARCHERY SEASON.

Vice-Mayor Williams seconded the Motion.

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Chief of Police Philip Broadfoot advised a hunting license would be required to hunt during the bow and arrow season. He also advised written permission would be needed from the property owner to hunt on his/her property.

In response to Council Member Saunders, Chief Broadfoot said deer hunting was allowed on private property only and that police officers only were allowed to shoot deer on public property.

In response to Council Member Smith, City Attorney Whitfield advised the Ordinance could be amended from time to time as deemed necessary.

The Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

CODE AMENDMENT - CHAPTER 21 - VEHICLE LICENSE TAX

City Manager Gwaltney referred to Page 4 of the Ordinance before Council for consideration. In Section (b), the words "trailer decals" should be amended to read "trailer vehicle license tax," and in Section (d) the words "vehicle license" should be inserted on line 2 following the words "there will be no annual."

Council Member Luther moved adoption of an Ordinance (as amended) entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04.10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING, " OF CHAPTER 21, ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE.

The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Williams and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

CODE AMENDMENT - CHAPTER 2 - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Vice-Mayor Williams moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04.11

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "CITY COUNCIL," OF CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENTS, EXECUTIVE SESSIONS, AND LIMITATION OF TERMS OF OFFICE.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Daniels and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

DEED OF LEASE - CITY & VIRGINIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Council Member Smith moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-04.01

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEED OF LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANVILLE AND THE VIRGINIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE USE OF 326 TAYLOR DRIVE.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Saunders and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Gwaltney called attention to the Monthly Financial Report that had been placed at the desk of each Council Member.

Mr. Gwaltney reported he had met individually with Council Members to review the budget and announced the proposed budget for FY 2006-2007 would be released on Wednesday.

City Attorney Whitfield reported the Local Government Attorneys Association would be holding a one-day workshop at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research soon. Mr. Whitfield advised the event marks the first time the organization had met in Southside.

There were no communications from the Deputy City Manager and City Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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Council Member Archie invited Council Members to attend the Equus, Inc. performance, which is primarily designed to teach character to young people. She advised the event would be held this Sunday at 3:00 P.M. and for those who would be attending to take a left at the light to Jolly Jim's off West Main Street and follow the signs.

Mrs. Archie reported she took part in the International Women's Day event held at the Institute on March 22. She advised she had spoken on the challenges for a woman to be in politics.

Mrs. Archie reported she had attended a Commission for the Arts event was held at the Institute on March 28. She said the performances by people of all ages were outstanding.

Mrs. Archie related a recent negative experience at the emergency room reported to her by friends. She asked Dr. Williams and Mr. Luther to look into the matter.

Council Member Daniels requested information relating to the compost pile from city staff. Mr. Daniels said in looking over the proposed budget, the cost had increased 11%. He asked for a report on the average daily use of the landfill by local, commercial, and out-of-town or out-of-state users and costs for any overtime.

Mayor Hamlin expressed concern that once again the State had not presented a balanced budget. Mr. Gwaltney advised that based on recent discussions with Delegate Danny Marshall and Senator Charles Hawkins, it was felt the schools would fare pretty well. As for the 599 funds and others, Mr. Gwaltney stated it appeared as though the proposed city budget for FY 2006-2007 would hold up with his projections.

Council Member Luther, in response to Mrs. Archie's request, advised that 12 years ago, he was placed on a committee to come up with solutions to improve emergency room problems. He advised members of the hospital staff were presently looking at returning to a fast-track system that was in place several years ago. Mr. Luther assured Mrs. Archie that hospital personnel were aware of the problems and were working to solve them.

Council Member Oakes expressed appreciation to supporters and friends who have helped get his first political campaign off to a good start. He stated he hoped he would be able to serve the citizens of Danville to the best of his ability for the next four years.

Council Member Saunders thanked everyone who attended the Work Force open house held last Thursday. He said over 250 were in attendance and invited citizens to come by the centers located at 707 Piney Forest Center in Danville and 17 Depot Street in Chatham, to receive job training if needed. He reported over 2,000 individuals had been served since January. Mr. Saunders advised the center recently had an inspection and of the 94

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inspection points, the facility passed all 94 for a 100% pass rate.

Vice-Mayor Williams congratulated Mr. Saunders on the excellent program offered at the Work Force Center.

Dr. Williams expressed pride at the employment summit that will be held on Friday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bibleway Cathedral located on Grant Street in Danville.

Dr. Williams said the staff at Danville Regional Medical Center was very aware of the problems with the Emergency Room and were working diligently to solve the problems.

CLOSED MEETING

At 8:55 P. M. Mayor Hamlin recognized Vice-Mayor Williams who moved that the meeting be recessed and that Council immediately convene in Closed Meeting for discussion concerning prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made as well as the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made as permitted by Subsection (A) (5) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Archie and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

At 9:50 P.M. returned to Open Session and Vice-Mayor Williams moved that Council adopt the following Resolution.

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Council convened in Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a Certification by the Council that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each Member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted by the open requirements of Virginia Law were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this Certification Resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Council.

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The Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0
AYE: Archie, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders,
Smith, and Williams (8)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Castiglione (1).

The Meeting adjourned at 9:51 P.M.

MAYOR

CLERK